



## LEELANAU COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/9-1-1

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### Immediate Release

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#### **Slow Down and Go Around**

*Take Extra Care When Driving Around Tree Crews on Roads*

**Suttons Bay Township** – With resources coming together in Leelanau County to remove the tree debris caused by the Aug. 2 severe storms, the Office of Emergency Management/9-1-1 is encouraging citizens and visitors to slow down and go around when encountering workers on roads.

Tree service workers and equipment are actively removing the most dangerous roadside debris. Drivers may encounter traffic backups, unexpected stops or personnel working in traffic when coming upon these crews.

“It’s all hands on deck as we clear the rights of way of our roads,” said Matt Ansoerge, Leelanau County Emergency Management Coordinator. “We are pulling in state and local resources to get the work done. I appreciate the continued patience of our citizens. Please give these workers a break.”

Anyone with concerns about dangerous debris or roadside crews is asked to call the Leelanau County Storm Hotline at 231-256-8104.

#### **Private Property Debris**

Residents are reminded to not place private property debris on the shoulders of roads. Private property debris is the responsibility of home and business owners and will not be picked up by the road commission or tree debris work crews.

To accommodate citizens cleaning up their property, debris can be dropped off at the following location:

- Myles Kimmerly Park, 1397 W. Burdickville Road, Maple City
  - Open: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday

Use of this site is **FREE** for Leelanau County citizens. Only organic debris—like trees, limbs and brush—will be accepted.

Commercial trucks, contractors and dump truck operators can drop off their debris at the following location:

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- Kasson Sand and Gravel, 10282 S. Pierce Road, Maple City
  - Open: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Kasson Sand and Gravel has agreed to offer large discounted rates for disposal into their pits at \$6 per cubic yard.

**About the Disaster**

Gov. Rick Snyder declared a "state of disaster" on Aug. 10 for Grand Traverse County after severe thunderstorms caused widespread and severe damage on Aug. 2. Upon direction of the governor, the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division amended the declaration to include Leelanau County on Aug. 14.

By declaring a "state of disaster," the state of Michigan has made available all state resources in cooperation with local response and recovery efforts in the disaster area.

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